Dependence of Agriculture on Monsoon

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether dependence of agricultural land on monsoon rains in country has shown down-ward trend;

(b) if so, the details of the respective areas of agricultural lands which were dependent over monsoon rains during the beginning and the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the areas of agricultural land of the country likely to remain dependent over monsoon rains by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An area of 87.76 million hectares was dependent on monsoon rains at the beginning of IX Plan. Based on the information received from Ministry of Water Resources, the target for creation of irrigation potential during IX Plan is 17.05 million hectares. It is envisaged that additional irrigation potential of about 20.00 million hectares will be created in the next 15 years. To the extent the irrigation targets are achieved, the dependence of agricultural lands on monsoon rains will decrease.

Increase in Agricultural Land

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation with regard to increase in the present area of agricultural land in the country for cultivation;

(b) if so, the area of agricultural land likely to increase in each State; and

(c) the percentage of agricultural land in each State against its total land ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) As per the information available in the Ministry of Agriculture the nets own area in the country has increased over the years as given below :

Year	Nets own area
1950-51	118.75 m.ha.
1960-61	133.20 m.ha.
1970-71	140.27 m.ha.
1980-81	140.00 m.ha.
1990-91	143.00 m.ha.
1997-98	142.02 m.ha.

(b) and (c) At present the area under fallow land is 24.12 m.ha. and culturable wasteland is 13.88 m.ha. There are various schemes under Central/State Governments to develop degraded lands in the country. The development of the above lands will increase the agricultural land for crop cultivation purposes as well as for non-agricultural purposes such as silvi-pasture, social forestry etc. The State-wise percentage of agricultural land to its geographical area is enclosed.

Statement

Statement showing State-wise percentage of agricultural land to the Geographical area of the State

Sl. No.	State	Percentage of Agriculture land to the Geographical area
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	57.6
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3.5
3.	Assam	41.5
4.	Bihar	62.5

1	2	3
5.	Goa	53.5
6.	Gujarat	63.1
7.	Haryana	86.4
8.	Himachal Pradesh	14.5
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4.7
10.	Karnataka	67.2
11.	Kerala	62.9
12.	Madhya Pradesh	51.6
13.	Maharashtra	68.6
14.	Manipur	7.3
15.	Meghalaya	48.2
16.	Mizoram	21.2
17.	Nagaland	38.4
18.	Orissa	51.2
19.	Punjab	84.4
20.	Rajasthan	75.1
21.	Sikkim	16.1
22.	Tamil Nadu	63.8
23.	Tripura	29.6
24.	Uttar Pradesh	70.4
25.	West Bengal	65.8
	All India :	55.8